

PROPOSED ORGANIC 2009 EQIP FUND CODE AND PRACTICES

This is a new fund code in Tennessee. The state office encourages input from producers on these and additional practices and activities that could be offered in future years. Applications funded in this fund code can only be used to develop or implement an Organic Systems Plan or a plan to transition to Organic Certification. Payments for organic practices are limited by the 2008 Farm Bill. Payments may not be made to cover the costs associated with organic certification or for practices that are eligible for cost-share payments under the National Organic Program (7 U.S.C. 6523). Contracts will be terminated if a producer is receiving payments for conservation practices related to organic production and is not pursuing organic certification or is decertified.

NOTE: *Before being ranked, all applicants must pass the Tennessee EQIP & WHIP Screening Tool.*

Eligible Practices:

- Composting Facility (317)
- Conservation Crop Rotation (328)
- Contour Buffer Strips (332)
- Cover Crop (340)
- Mulching (484)
- Organic System Plan